

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:448

ANSWERED ON:23.12.2005

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR POWER SECTOR

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is extending any assistance to the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions for enhancing their performance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and released to each State Electricity Regulatory Commission under various incentive schemes of the Ministry during the last three years;
- (d) the achievements made by the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions through the Central assistance;
- (e) whether it is mandatory to set-up State Electricity Regulatory Commissions in States; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 448 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 23.12.2005 REGARDING INDEPENDENT REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR POWER SECTOR.

(a) to (d) : As per the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 the responsibility for constitution and establishment of the State Electricity Regulatory Commission Fund vests with the State Government.

Section 166(2) of the Act provides for constitution of Forum of Regulators by the Government of India. The Chairperson of this Forum is Chairperson of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission and the Chairpersons of the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions are the Members of the Forum. The Government of India has constituted the Forum of Regulators. Recently financial Assistance to the tune of Rs.40.00 lakhs has been sanctioned by the Government of India to the Forum for Development of Regulatory Information Management System (RIMS). This would enable the Regulatory Commissions to collect the desired and relevant data to improve the quality of regulatory process through effective decision making.

(e) & (f) : Section 82 of the Electricity Act provides that every State Government shall within six months from the appointed date constitute for the purposes of this Act, a Commission for the State to be known as the (name of the State) Electricity Regulatory Commission. The Act also saves the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions constituted under the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998 or under the State Reforms Act. As per the available information, all States except Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland have notified/constituted their State Electricity Regulatory Commissions.